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SUBJ: CUSTOMS INCIDENT AT WINNIPEG AIRPORT

1. EXTAFB OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMALLY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF EMBASSY OFFICERS EVENT WHICH ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE AT WINNIPEG AIRPORT SEPTEMBER 7. THEY REPORT THAT MOHIM SHARISH, A PAKISTANI CITIZEN TEACHING AT ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, WAS RETURNING TO US FOLLOWING CONFERENCE ON SLAVIC STUDIES AT BANFF, ALBERTA. DURING PRECLEARANCE EXAMINATION, US CUSTOMS OFFICIAL AT WINNIPEG MISTOOK WHAT EXTAFB OFFICIALS SAY WAS RESEARCH MATERIAL FOR COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, AND CONFISCATED IT. SHARISH THEN PROCEEDED TO U.S., BUT HE, AND US AND CANADIAN ORGANIZERS OF BANFF CONFERENCE, ARE PROTESTING AND ASKING RETURN OF DOCUMENTS.

2. EXTAFB DOES NOT INTEND MAKE AN ISSUE OUT OF INCIDENT, BUT OFFICIALS BELIEVE CUSTOMS OFFICER EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY UNDER ARTICLE I OF PRE-CLEARANCE AGREEMENT.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT. INVESTIGATE CASE WITH CUSTOMS AND IF ABOVE ACCOUNT IS CORRECT, ARRANGE TO HAVE THE CONFISCATED MATERIAL RETURNED TO MOHIM SHARISH.

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4. FOR WINNIPEG: CONGEN MAY WISH TO ASK CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS AT WINNIPEG AIRPORT FOR INFORMATION ON
ALLEGATION.
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